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Editorial response $100

A $100 donation to start a fund to restore Carbondale City Hall was the response of a local resident to an editorial that appeared in the Sept. 2 issue of the NEWS.

The donation was from Mr. S. Robert Powell of Carbondale and accompanied a "Letter to the Editor" in which he said he supported an effort to restore the deteriorating outside part of the structure. Mr. Powell also volunteered his services to serve on a committee that would explore how to obtain the necessary funds to pay for the restoration work.

The editorial Mr. Powell responded to was written by NEWS managing editor David Baum and proposed the idea of starting a fund that would pay for the outside restoration of the 87-year-old city hall, including the clock on the tower.

Several rooms inside the building, which houses city government offices, police headquarters and city council chambers have already been restored under Mayor Fred J. Mancuso's administration.

According to Baum, the $100 check will be placed in a local bank's savings account and will be used to pay for efforts that will investigate obtaining funding help from state and federal sources that will hopefully pay for part of the proposed restoration. He also said a meeting to organize the restoration effort will be held within two or three weeks with Mr. Powell.

A local history authority, Mr. Powell is the publisher of "Northeastern Pennsylvania," a quarterly tabloid that details the past history of the region. Some of his work includes photographing on microfilm some of the oldest issues of the Carbondale **Leader**, a daily newspaper begun in 1872 and the front runner of the present 109-year-old NEWS. The old issues are stored in the Carbondale Public Library and the microfilming was done to perminently preserve a record of the events which were reported in the **Leader**.